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A medical needle shield apparatus including a shield that is extensible from a retracted position to an extended position to enclose a distal end of a needle. A binding member is disposed within the shield and defines binding surfaces that form an aperture configured for slidable receipt of the needle between the retracted position and the extended position. The binding member includes drag inducing members disposed thereon that engage the needle during slidable receipt of the needle to create a drag force with the needle. The drag force facilitates rotation of the binding member relative to a longitudinal axis of the needle such that the binding surfaces engage the needle to prevent slidable movement of the needle in the extended position of the shield. The binding member further includes a retainer extending therefrom such that the retainer is engageable with the needle to prevent rotation of the binding member prior to the extended position. The shield further includes a hub retainer for releasable attachment to a catheter hub. In some arrangements, a medical needle shield apparatus can include a binding member disposed within a shield. The binding member can include a retainer that can engage a medical needle to prevent inclination of the binding member, and can include one or more drag inducing members that can engage the needle. In some arrangements, the apparatus can include a hub retainer.